ARTICLES FOR PEACE:



Agreed on by the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament, and presented to the Kings Majestie by his Excellency *Robert* Earle of *ESSEX*.

Hen. Elsing Cler. Parl. D. Com.

Likewise the Propositions of the Subjects of Scotland, presented to the Kings Maiesty at Shrewsbury, Wherein is declared the Resolution of the whole Kingdome in generall to take up Arms against the Cavaleers.

Read in the House of Commons.

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A JOYFUL

MESSAGE

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FROM BOTH HOVSES OF PARliament to the Kings most Excellent MAJESTIE:

Wherin is contained severall *Articles* for Peace, assented to by the Members of both Houses.



THe Lords and Commons assembled in *Parliament*, having after all their *Declarations* and *Petitions*, seriously weighed and considered the present Estate and Condition of this Kingdome, and the Ruine and Destruction that is like to befall all His Majesties loving Subjects, if not suddenly prevented; Therfore the Lords and Commons in this present Par-

liamen, having with griefe of heart, and tendernesse of compassion, beheld the pressing miseries, the eminent dangers, and the devouring Calamities, which do extreamly threaten the utter Overthrow of all His Majesties true Subjects, both in *England Scotland*, and *Ireland*.

And though the Malignants that are now about His Majesties Person, have by their Damnable Conspiracies oftentimes attempted to alter Religion, and have also endeavoured to introduce Popery, and Superstition in the Church, and confusion in the State, yet seeing themselves now disabled to bring the same to any perfection, they have Trayterously attempted to overaw the same by Force, and to that end hath drawn His Majesty to make warre against His great and happy Counsel the VVorthies of Israell, and the rest of His Majesties good Subjects of this Kingdome.

These particulars after much debate and Consultation thereupon by the Members of both houses of *PARLIAMENT*, after some time spent, ordered and resolved, that these ensuing particulars (being Articles for Peace) should be forthwith drawn up, and sent to His Excellency the Earle of Essex, and that he should use his best skill to present the same to His Majesty, which Articles were as followeth.

I.

That His Majesty would bee pleased to withdraw His Royall presence and countenance from these wicked Incendiaries and Malignant Persons, that

that by their wicked Projects and Conſpiracies, doth daily labour and endeavour to alter Religion and to caſt and breake down thoſe Pillars that are Vpholders of the ſame.

II.

That if they ſhall ſtand out in defence of their Rebellious and unlawfull Attempts, they humbly deſire his Majeſty, that he will leave them to bee ſuppreſt by that Power which both Houſes have ſent againſt them, the ſaid Power being onely raiſed for the ſafeguard of his Majeſties Perſon, the preſervation of the Laws and Liberty of the Subject, and in defence of both Houſes of Parliament, and all the Commons of *England*.

III.

That your Majeſty will not mixe your owne danger with theirs, but in peace and ſafety without your Forces return to your Parliament, that ſo by their faithfull Counſell and Advice you may compoſe the preſent Diſtempers and Confuſions abounding in both Kingdomes, and provide for the Security and Honour of your Selfe, your Royall Poſterity, and the proſperous Eſtate of all your Subjects, wherein if your Majeſty pleaſe to yeeld to our earneſt Deſires, VVee doe in the preſence of Almighty God proteſte, that wee will receive your Majeſty with all Honour, and faithfully endeavour to ſecure your Perſon and Eſtate from all danger.

True

True News from the Kings Army, being a perfect information of the Proceedings of the Cavaleers, and the estate of Prince *Morris*.

SInce the Battell at *Worster*, fought by the two Princes against Collonell *Sands*, and the rest of the Parliament Forces, there hath not bin much bloud shed in any part of this Kingdome, only at *Manchester* the Lord Strange lost some two or three hundred of his men.

But the Battell at *Worster* is more to be remembred then any other skirmish which hath bin fought in this Kingdom since the first levying of Forces betwixt King and Parliament; for at the said fight were wounded the two Princes, and divers other brave Commanders.

Prince *Maurice* hath ever since that time layne very dangerously sick under the Chyrurgions, and it is now credibly reported, that the said Prince *Maurice* is dead, but his Brother Prince *Robert* is recovered again, and hath had a meeting with the Earl of *Essex* neer Bridgnorth.

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The ſaid Earl found little or no oppoſition till he came to Bridgnorth, where Prince *Robert*, Earl *Rivers*, E. of *Newcaſtle*, and divers other Lords came with their Forces from Shrewsbury, conſiſting of about 9000. horſe and foot, to give him battle, not knowing the Number of His men, becauſe they had information at Shrewsbury that his Excellency had ſent a great part of his Army to other parts. But all their hopes were ſoon fruſtrated, for when they were in their march, and diſtant from our Army about 7. miles, they ſent too many Spyes to view our Army, and in what manner we lay.

But at the firſt ſight thereof they were much amazed, who beheld farre more in number then they expected, and thus having viewed our Army, they returned back, declaring unto Prince *Robert*, and the reſt of the Nobles, that their Enemy did far exceed them in Number, for they ſuppoſed the E. of *Eſſex* was above twenty thouſand ſtrong.

They had no ſooner heard this Newes

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but they immediatly retreated, not daring to give his Excellency Battell. But it is thought that His Majesty will advance from Shrewsbury, and give His Excellency a sudden meeting.

There was read in the House of Commons a Message from the Kingdome of Scotland, intimating, that they have chosen 8. Commissioners, and have sent them to the Kings Majesty, with divers Propositions, which was to this effect, viz.

1. That His Majesty would be pleased to return to His Great Counsell the Parliament, and hearken unto them.

2. That Hee would be pleased to leave all Delinquents to Law and Justice.

3. That if his Majesty will not condiscend to these their Desire, they do Declare, That they must be inforced to take up Arms, for the assistance of their Brethren in *England*.

FINIS.